

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

5 **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring the condition of a vehicle driver, ~~in which comprising; detecting and monitoring a vehicle's position in a lane is detected and monitored, calculating a desired direction of travel is determined, comparing the actual position in the lane is compared with the direction of travel which is calculated determined, and assisting the driver is assisted in maintaining the position in the lane,~~
10 characterized
in that generating a warning signal for the driver ~~is generated~~
15 when the calculated direction of travel exactly matches the actual position in the lane over a pre-specified period of time.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized
20 in that further including generating a visual and/or audible and/or haptic warning signal ~~is generated~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized
25 in that further including adding a test signal, which depends on the driving situation, ~~is added to the calculated direction of travel, and emitting the warning signal is emitted~~ when the vehicle follows the test signal.

30 4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that further including determining a deviation from the

calculated direction of travel ~~is determined~~, and determining the steering angle at which the steering wheel has to be steered to stay in the lane or to move into the lane ~~is determined~~.

5 5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4,
characterized
in that further including utilizing a manual torque actuator ~~(6)~~
shifts to shift the zero position of the steering torque by the determined
steering angle.

10 6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized
in that further including dynamically increasing driver assistance
for staying in the lane ~~increases dynamically~~ with the deviation from the
15 calculated direction of travel.

 7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized
in that further including slowly withdrawing driver assistance for
20 staying in the lane ~~is slowly withdrawn~~ when no lane is identified.

 8. (Currently Amended) A condition-monitoring device ~~(1)~~
comprising: a lane-identification device ~~(2)~~, means ~~(4)~~ for determining a
direction of travel, a monitoring device ~~(5)~~ for monitoring deviations from
25 the direction of travel, and a warning device ~~(14)~~,
characterized
in that and means for activating the warning device ~~can be~~
~~activated~~ when the monitoring device detects that a specific determined
direction of travel matches an actual direction of travel over a pre-specified
30 period of time.

9. (Currently Amended) The condition-monitoring device as claimed in claim 8,

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ wherein a "steer-by-wire" system is provided.

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10. (Currently Amended) The condition-monitoring device as claimed in claim 9,

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ wherein a manual torque actuator ~~(6)~~ is provided.

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11. (Currently Amended) The condition-monitoring device as claimed in claim 8,

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ wherein a manual torque actuator ~~(6)~~ is provided.